

REMARKS

This is responsive to the Office Action dated February 3, 2005 in which the Examiner admits that claims 3, 7-9 and 17-19 have allowable matter, but rejects all other claims as being anticipated by Okuno et al (US Patent No. 5,400,723) under 35USC §102(b). Furthermore, the Drawings are objected by the draftsman under 37CFR §1.84.

Following the instructions of the Examiner's, Applicant has rewritten dependent claims 3, 7 and 17 into independent claims that have incorporated all the limitations of the base and intervening claims. Thus, claims 3, 7 and 17 are now believed in good condition to be allowed. Dependent claims 4 and 20 are also amended for consistency. Dependent claims 4-6, 8-9 and 18-23 are also believed allowable for being dependent to claims 3, 7 and 17 respectively, directly or indirectly.

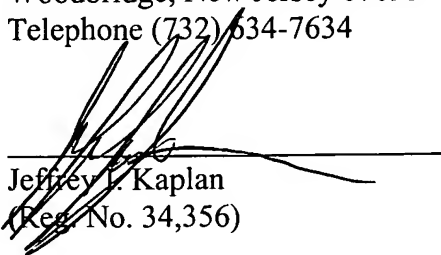
Applicant encloses herewith formal drawings for replacing the original ones, which are believed to have overcome the objections to the drawings. No new matter is believed to have been introduced in the formal drawings.

Applicant respectfully submits that the application is now in good condition for allowance, and therefore respectfully requests prompt allowance in view of the above amendments. A request for one-month extension is also enclosed with a check of \$60 for covering the extension fee. The Examiner is authorized to deduct additional fees believed due from our Deposit Account No. 11-0223.

Respectfully submitted,

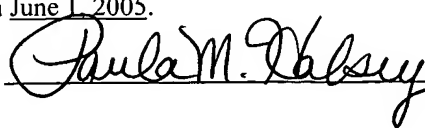
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